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**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

The Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") is the primary state environmental regulatory agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It enforces state laws regulating wetlands, waterways, public and private drinking water supplies, septic systems, air quality, asbestos, recycling, disposal of solid and hazardous waste and cleanup of contaminated hazardous waste sites.

Attorneys in MassDEP's Office of General Counsel ("OGC") develop new and revised laws, regulations, policies and guidance documents, give advice to program staff and litigate adjudicatory appeals.

Attorneys Lucas Rogers, Deirdre Desmond and Heidi Zisch coordinate the Intern Program. Contact information is given at the end of this memorandum.

OGC accepts up to 6 interns per semester in the fall (September through mid-December), spring (late January through May), and summer (June through August). Law students will participate in an intensive program, including diverse legal research and writing projects on the cutting-edge of environmental law. No salary or stipend is currently available, but students are encouraged to apply for credit or funding from their school wherever possible. Intern coordinators are also happy to coordinate feedback for law schools on interns' performance, when requested.

APPLICATIONS

To apply to the Intern Program, law students should submit the following materials to Intern Coordinator Lucas Rogers. See also <http://www.mass.gov/dep/about/employment/hire.htm#intern>:

- Resume
- Law School Transcript.

- Writing sample of 3-8 pages.

You may email your materials to Lucas.Rogers@state.ma.us or mail them at the above address, attention Lucas Rogers, Office of General Counsel. You may call any of the Intern Coordinators at the telephone numbers listed below with any questions.

MassDEP encourages law students with a demonstrated prior interest in environmental law or environmental protection to apply. Courses in environmental law and administrative law as well as advanced courses in real estate and property law and corporations are encouraged. MassDEP looks for candidates who show dedication, an ability to engage in critical thought, good writing, independence and professional courtesy.

Applicants should submit their applications for the fall term beginning June 1; for the spring term beginning October 30; and for the summer term beginning February 1. Selections are made on a rolling basis. Early applications are encouraged.

MINIMUM HOURS

FALL/SPRING SEMESTERS: 15 hours per week, 2 days minimum

SUMMER TERM: 24 hours per week, 3 days minimum.

Intern schedules suitable to the requirements of students and MassDEP will be established at the first meeting of interns in a given semester.

LOCATION

The OGC's main office is located at Downtown Crossing in Boston, at One Winter Street on the Third Floor. MassDEP also has four other regional offices in Lakeville (Southeast Regional Office), Worcester (Central Regional Office), Wilmington (Northeast Regional Office), and Springfield (Western Regional Office). If interested, applicants are encouraged to request to work in one of the regional offices.

INTERN PROJECTS

Intern coordinators assign each intern somewhere between one and five projects at a time. Many projects involves research and writing. Others may involve making oral presentations to OGC attorneys or other program staff. Interns may also be asked to handle administrative appeals under an attorney's supervision. The attorney submitting the assignment directly oversees these projects, and interns and attorneys work closely together. MassDEP seeks intern input as to what projects they find interesting, and MassDEP attempts to accomodate interns' requests to the extent possible. MassDEP also encourages students to discuss their interests when applying for the program.

INTERN MEETINGS

One or more intern coordinators meet with all of the interns together once a week or as needed to assign new projects, discuss current projects and handle other matters that may require attention.

LEGAL PRACTICE GROUPS, LITIGATION EVENTS & OTHER MEETINGS

OGC encourages interns to attend as many OGC events as possible. These include prehearing conferences, adjudicatory hearings, public hearings, mediation sessions, settlement negotiations, legal practice group sessions (discussions among attorneys focused on a particular area of law), and/or meeting with the program staff.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the OGC's Intern Program, please call Heidi Zisch at (978) 694-3330, Deirdre Desmond at (617)556-1028 or Lucas Rogers at (617) 292-5939.